



 HOLY HEROES

## 33 Day Journey of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

### DEVOTION

#### DAY 18

While receiving apparitions from Our Lady, Bernadette was subjected to a lot of criticism from those who did not believe her. But even without the support of others, Bernadette continued to focus on Our Lady and grow closer to her. She trusted that if she was following Our Lady's instruction, Mary would take care of her.

Our Lady not only cared for Bernadette during her life, but also after her death by asking God preserved Bernadette's body from any decay. Bodies which do not decay after death are called "incorrupt." Incorrupt bodies are a sign of great honor bestowed on a holy person by God, so these incorrupt saints are often displayed in Catholic churches. They are a miracle to encourage us to persevere in our quest to become holy, too! Saint Bernadette's incorrupt body can be seen today in the chapel at the motherhouse of her convent in Nevers, France.

*Ponder when you pray*

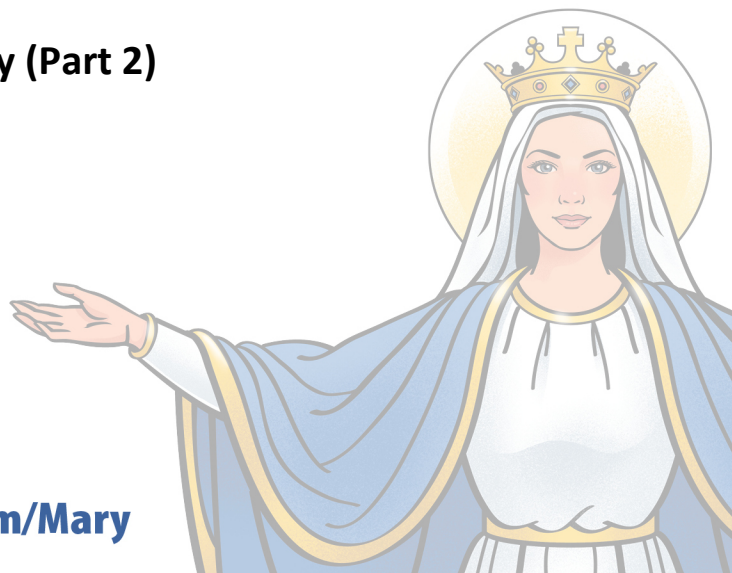
Whenever you are worried that perhaps Mary will forget to take care of you, remember Bernadette and the many ways Our Lady rewarded her unwavering trust. Pray today for an increase of trust in the love of God which Mary reveals to you.

### PRAYER

#### Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Part 2)

Holy Mary, pray for us  
Holy Mother of God, pray for us  
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us

Mother of Christ, pray for us  
Mother of divine grace, pray for us  
Mother most pure, pray for us  
Mother most chaste, pray for us



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Mother inviolate, pray for us  
Mother undefiled, pray for us  
Mother most amiable, pray for us  
Mother most admirable, pray for us  
Mother of good counsel, pray for us  
Mother of our Creator, pray for us  
Mother of our Savior, pray for us  
Mother of the Church, pray for us

Virgin most prudent, pray for us  
Virgin most venerable, pray for us  
Virgin most renowned, pray for us  
Virgin most powerful, pray for us  
Virgin most merciful, pray for us  
Virgin most faithful, pray for us



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